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Local Matters.

Getting Ready for Summer Business.

Masses, Frank B. Porter & Co., finding their office inadequate to the demands of their large and increasing business, have leased the adjoining room, lately occupied by Dr. George Kings, which they will add to their present office. This, with other improvements which they are making, will make one of the most commodious business offices in the city.

J. D. Richardson & Co. are having the interior of their store, corner Thames and Franklin streets, painted throughout, including the ceilings and fixtures, in light colors, which give the store a light, clean and handsome appearance.

The lower store in Spangler's Block, lately occupied by Mrs. Coffin, is being remodeled and fitted up for a jewelry store. This store is to be occupied by Albert G. Spangler, youngest son of J. Gottlieb. Mr. Spangler is a practical watchmaker and jeweler, having been several years in the business away, and will open the store the last of the month well stocked and equipped as a first-class jewelry store.

The building occupied by Caswell, Mayser & Co., on Thames street, of all, has received its spring dressing of paint and looks much improved by it.

Wm. S. Bryer has got into his new market which, with the improvements are completed, will make a very attractive corner at the junction of Spring and Thuro-streets.

Extensive alterations and improvements are being made to Stafford Bryer's Block on Thames-st. The lower story which has been in two stories will be made into one large room 24x76 feet and occupied by H. E. Turner, Jr. & Bro. The lower story is to be brought out in a line with the adjoining blocks and have an entire new front. There will be a plate-glass window on each side of the entrance, 72x120 inches. The door will be set in about two feet with side lights of plate-glass, 24x120 inches. The front will be something after the French style of architecture, the jet forming a balustrade, and will be one of the most attractive on the street. Turner & Bro. expect to be in their new quarters by the middle of April.

Stafford Bryer has just completed an addition to the rear of his block, 24x50 feet, making the second story, to which he has removed his furniture business, 24x180 feet.

F. N. Barlow expects to open his new grocery store on Thames-st., which is fitted up inside in a very neat manner, a week from to-day.

Walter Sherman is making rapid progress with the improvements to his block, and expects soon to have two as fine stores as can be found on the street, one of which he will occupy himself as a dry goods store and the other will be for rent.

Island Cemetery Company.

The Island Cemetery Company held their thirty-fifth annual meeting in the Representative's Hall at the State House Monday evening, H. C. Stevens, Jos. M. Hammett and Philip Rider were re-elected directors for the ensuing three years. President Henry Bull read his annual report, showing what had been done during the year past, and offered some suggestions for the coming year. The available lots being nearly taken up, it is thought probable that a part of the Peckham lot will have to be opened during the year.

The treasurer's report giving the following receipts for the year to be \$2573 17; expenditures \$3567 90; with cash on hand, \$1293 14; deposited in the savings bank, \$3500; land outside cemetery \$14,000, was read by H. C. Stevens, Secretary and Treasurer.

The matter of collecting payments for the care of lots in advance was referred to the Trustees.

In a list of passengers which arrived at San Francisco, on the 21st ult., by the steamer Zealandia, from the Hawaiian Islands, we notice the name of our former townsman, Horace T. Crandall, Esq. Mr. Crandall left the United States about a year ago, to fulfil a contract with the Hawaiian Government to build a first class, steam, marine railway, capable of taking up a vessel of fifteen hundred tons, which contract has been satisfactorily completed. A smithy, engine and store houses have been built, and everything is in first class running order. We believe the machinery was made in England, and the timber was from Oregon. After a few weeks tarry in San Francisco, Mr. Crandall will leave for his Eastern home where he will receive a most hearty welcome from his family and friends.

E. Truman Peckham, builder, is making rapid progress on Edwin Booth's new villa and stable on Indian-ave, and expects to have it ready for occupancy about the middle of May. The buildings are of Queen Anne architecture and very attractive. Mr. Booth is expected to take possession for the season about the 1st of June. Mr. Peckham is also engaged in building an addition 32 feet square to the villa on the same avenue owned by Prof. J. T. Huntington, of Hartford.

THE JAIL BREAKERS.

Their Whereabouts Still a Mystery—Capt. Hammond's Theory as to how they got out—A Diagram of the Hole through which Katie found her liberty.

The escape of Katie Judd and George Rouns from the county jail bids fair to be something more than a blue-days' wonder to the quiet citizens of Newport. It was a week ago yesterday morning that their escape was discovered, and it has been the grand topic of conversation ever since, and still is. The novel way in which they made their escape, and the utter absence of any trace of their movements after gaining their liberty, together with the complete mystery as to their present whereabouts, suggest in conversation just enough of the improbable to make the subject interesting and long lived.

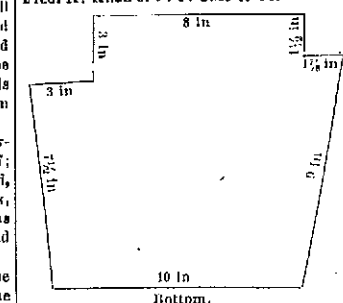
It is amusing to listen to the different theories expressed as to how the prisoners got out of the jail, for there are about as many theories for their escape as there are persons who converse on the subject. Of these many different theories, some of which implicate outside parties, some the keeper's servant girl, and some charging the keeper himself of having forgotten to bolt the door, that of Capt. Hammond seems to us the most, and in fact the only, plausible one. It is known that Judd and Rouns had a way of communicating with each other while confined in their cells, and the Captain believes that Katie received her instructions from Rouns; that she worked several nights in preparing this hole, making its fall size so nearly through the foot-balk that when the opportunity for using the hole arrived but a moment would be required to finish it; that it was arranged between her and Rouns that on this night she should knock out the remaining brick, crawl through the hole into the vacant cell adjoining, which was not locked, and hold herself in readiness to make her escape from the corridor when he should find the keeper at his cell.

At about 9 o'clock on the night in question, as Mr. Jones was about to leave the prisoners for the night, Rouns called to him and asked for a drink of water which the keeper procured for him. Now, according to Captain Hammond's theory, this was a signal for Katie, and while the keeper, unconscious of any plot, kindly waited for Rouns to quench his thirst, Katie slipped out of the corridor and down into the cellar where she hid behind the furnace until the keeper and his family had retired to their chambers for the night. She then came up stairs, unlocked the door and entered the corridor, when Rouns instructed her to go to the keeper's apartments, find the key-board and take from it No. 8, which was the key to his cell. This being done, it was but the work of a few moments for them to pass through the apartment, out of the back door, through the yard into the street, and—there it is! Capt. Hammond's theory ends here, as the mist is too thick even for an opinion, and a week passes by without furnishing the slightest evidence for a clue.

To a great many people less familiar with the facts of the case than Capt. Hammond, it seems impossible that Katie should know where the keys were kept or which key belonged to Rouns's cell. It was not necessary for her to know the former beforehand, and as there were evidences in the morning of a search having been made, it is not supposed that she did know. As to the latter question, any prisoner who is at all observant could tell what key fitted his cell by noting the number of the socket in the board from which the key is taken when the keeper, in making his rounds, unlocks the door.

The clothing which Katie wore while confined in the jail was well known and figured conspicuously in the descriptions given of the woman after her escape. But Katie was not forgetful of anything that might lead to her recapture it would seem; Mrs. Jones has not been able to find her waterproof sluce the prisoners made good their escape.

In view of the varying statements as to the size and shape of the hole through which it is supposed Judd crawled, and the fact that there are a great many in consequence who do not believe she went through the hole at all, we publish a diagram giving the exact dimensions of the hole, as drawn by Fred A. Allan of P. G. Case & Co.



To those who believe it impossible for Katie Judd to have got through a hole of the above dimensions, we would say that we are informed by Mr. Allan that a young man in his employ, weighing 135 pounds, crawled through a hole, the same size and shape, in a board, without the slightest difficulty.

The Laugh was on the Other Side.

The other day a young man entered a store on the street and was about to sit down, when he was requested to take another chair as the one he was about to occupy was arranged for some other "friend" who was expected in soon. A needle had been ingeniously placed in the nest of this particular chair and so arranged as to be worked with a string by a person sitting in another part of the room. Shortly the anxiously-waited-for arrived and took the chair. The person who was to play this great joke on his innocent friend, began pulling at the string, but to his surprise Innocence remained quietly in his chair. After the string had been pulled steadily for several minutes, Innocence looked up and told the modern joker that he could go to thunder, for if he pulled that string would have no effect on him, as he had provided his punts with a string line. We understand the Joker has offered a large reward to know who "gave him away."

ANOTHER SENSATION.

A Woman Attempts to Sell Miss Weaver's Watch—The Person Believed by Some to be Katie Judd.

Thursday evening a woman entered the jewelry store of Geo. O. Hartmann, and wanted to sell a watch which she said had been lost three years and just found. The watch was very dirty, the works being rusty and containing considerable water. Mr. Hartmann did not want to handle it, but the woman was very anxious to get an offer. He removed the works to weigh the case. In scraping the dirt from the latter, he found the inscription "Hannah B. Weaver, April 2, 1838." Thinking something was wrong and not wishing to alarm the woman, he told her his scales were out of order and asked her to bring the watch in the next day, which she said she would. Immediately after she went out he notified the police, and Capt. Hammond promptly appeared on the premises. It seems that after leaving Mr. Hartmann's the woman went directly to E. O. Blain's store and there tried to dispose of the case. (Mr. Hartmann did not return the works to the case.) Mr. Blain discovered the inscription and asked her where she got the watch. She said that her husband found it while at work about the ruins of the Weaver cottage. The man claiming to be her husband, who waited outside while she was in Mr. Hartmann's, was with her now and said that he found it in the dirt, and that his fellow-workmen told him it belonged to him as he had found it. Mr. Blain advised her to take it to Miss Weaver, and she said she would and asked no further questions. Mr. Hartmann thinks the woman was Katie Judd, but his description of the woman calling at his store Thursday night, with her large, broad, gold-handled hands, does not correspond with descriptions of Katie Judd. Though the woman told several different stories, we are inclined to believe, with Mr. Blain, that the couple having the watch for sale are man and wife, and that the husband found the watch in the ruins as stated, and that the story of Katie Judd trying to palm off her stolen property is sensational in the extreme. The police were at once put on the look out, and within ten minutes of the time the woman was in Blain's store, Capt. Hammond also appeared there in search of her, but as yet she has not been found.

In Caucus.

The Republicans of this city met in caucus at the State House, Monday evening, for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the State Convention held in Providence, Thursday, and to elect a Republican City Committee for the ensuing municipal year. The meeting was called to order by C. H. Burdick, when Gov. H. H. Jay was called to the chair and Col. W. J. Cozzens chosen secretary. The six delegates were elected as follows, with power to fill vacancies:—John P. Sanborn, L. D. Davis, A. C. Lauder, Henry E. Turner, Jr., John J. Peckham and Wm. P. Sheffield, Jr. The City Committee was then elected as follows: First Ward—W. S. Bechler, John D. Pike; Second Ward—Abram Almy, J. G. Stevens; Third Ward—L. D. Davis, J. J. Peckham; Fourth Ward—M. M. Lee, Rev. Mahlon Van Horn; Fifth Ward—A. C. Lauder, Charles H. Burdick. The caucus, though largely attended, was very quiet, much electioneering being by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned about 8:30.

Tuesday evening the State House was occupied by the Equal Rights party, who met in caucus for the purpose of choosing delegates to represent them at the Independent Convention held in Providence, Wednesday. John Gilpin was chosen to preside and D. E. Sullivan was chosen Secretary. The following are the delegates chosen, with instructions to vote for Ex-Gov. Sprague: John Gilpin, Geo. P. Leonard, P. H. Morgan, John Blunk, Eugene C. O'Neil, Daniel Galvin.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

George and Martha S. Cozzens have quit-claimed a lot of land on Gould-st., 100x100 feet, to Martha Cozzens for \$1800.

Mrs. Mary L. Brown, of Boston has rented her new cottage on Bellevue-ave, for the season, to J. L. B. Matt of New York.

Wm. Braanan, of Providence, Benjamin F. Sisson and George W. Bicknell, have sold a lot of land on William-st., 34x60 feet, with buildings, to Wm. Popple, for \$1200.

A. Prescott Baker has sold for \$1 and other considerations, the estate on the west side of Everett place, bounded northerly by land of Anna Pell, and southerly by land of Thos. Bidder, to Daniel Austin. Subsequently this lot was sold by Daniel Austin to Harriet J. Nash for \$4300.

Thos. H. Clarke has rented through J. Neilson Howard & Co., his house on Mill-st., for three years, to Alexander O'Driscoll Taylor, of the Northern Trans Continental Survey.

In the Mercury Window.

A pen-drawing by Mr. W. A. Jurgens of this city. It is his first attempt and the result of a few months' practice, his only instructor being Gaskell's Penman's Hand Book. Pen-drawing is considered the most difficult kind.

The authors on the east side of Thames-st., between Mary and Thuro-sts are again agitating the question of opening a street through the rear of their several estates from Tonn-st., just above the Perry Mansion Market, to Mary-st. About the only obstacle to carrying this project into effect now seems to be parties on Mary-st., a part of whose estate would be needed for the said new street. Why not those who are to be so much benefited by this thoroughfare, by the objecting estate, and thus remove the only obstacle in their way?

The financial embarrassments of Mr. Tonn Caldwell, of the firm of Caldwell & Forsyth, is one of the sensations of the day. The total amount of his indebtedness in this city, not secured by mortgage, is reported to be about \$20,000. His counsel has informed the creditors, many of whom can ill afford to lose the amount of their bills, that he can pay neither the principal nor interest of his indebtedness.

R. & L. OF H.

Second Anniversary Exercises in Odd Fellows' Hall—Addresses by R. P. Harlan P. Gage, etc., etc.

A very pleasant entertainment was given in Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday evening, by Berkeley Lodge No. 110, R. & L. of H., in honor of the second anniversary of its birth. At 8 o'clock, the time for the exercises to begin, every seat in the hall was occupied, and the programme, consisting of addresses, readings, recitations, singing, etc., was listened to with great interest throughout. The exercises opened with a brief address of welcome by F. S. Francis Stanhope, who introduced Mr. William Garry. Mr. Garry read a laughable selection entitled "The Joiner," which showed that a married man, belonging to a lodge where women are not admitted, has to contend with. Later in the evening Mr. Garry gave a recitation of "The Mystery." He was applauded on both occasions. The address of the evening was delivered by R. P. Harlan P. Gage of Durham, who commented on the growth of the lodge since he joined it, into the two years before, and congratulated the members on their present high standing. Mr. Gage is a gentleman of pleasing address, a ready and eloquent speaker, and entertained his audience for some fifteen or twenty minutes with a most interesting discourse on the advantages of this order, not only as a means of insurance but as a source of education and improvement. He dwelt at some length upon what the order had done in the past and is still doing to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate, not simply by the giving of its monies but by brotherly and sisterly love, in speaking of the order as a safe and economical means of insurance, he cited the cost for the past year for members of different ages to carry from \$1000 to \$5000 upon their lives. He closed by showing what the order had done for the widow and orphan, how it had saved families from being scattered out into the world, and likened its treasury to a fountain of beneficence from which a stream was continually flowing out to humanity.

Miss Emma Greenleaf of Jamaica Plain gave an interesting recitation "Father Phil," which much amused the audience. She also recited a piece entitled "How the Old Horse Won the Race." Both pieces were most excellently rendered and called forth much deserved applause.

The exercises were interspersed with music and singing by a select choir under the leadership of Augustus French.

The exercises closed with a few remarks by F. S. Francis Stanhope, thanking the audience for the interest which they had taken in the entertainment, etc.

Ice cream and cake were then passed around in abundance, after which came music and dancing. The Newport Orchestra furnished the music and dancing was kept up till about 1 o'clock.

Gospel Temperance Meetings.

The gospel temperance meetings now being held by Rev. and Mrs. Barrow, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association in their hall, have been remarkably successful. Large numbers have attended nightly, and the interest has been well sustained. Some three hundred names had been obtained to the pledge up to Thursday evening. Much good is apparently being accomplished. There is a probability of the meetings being held in Odd Fellows' Hall the coming week, as the Y. M. C. A. rooms are not sufficiently large to accommodate the crowds that gather there. A half-hour prayer meeting is held every day, commencing at 12 o'clock, to which all are invited. Four meetings will be held to-day, namely: at 10:30 for children; 12 o'clock, prayer meeting; 3 o'clock for mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, to which all the sex are invited; in the evening the usual meeting for all. It has been suggested to hold a union temperance meeting of all the churches in some one of the meeting-houses on Thursday evening next. Mr. and Mrs. Barrow close their work here on Friday evening next, having an engagement elsewhere.

Death of Mrs. Barrows.

Mrs. Barrows, wife of Rev. C. E. Barrows, pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, died in Charlottesville, Va., Tuesday, which she went a few weeks since in search of health. Her husband received a telegram Monday that she was very ill, and he started immediately, but he did not reach there till after her decease. Her death was very sudden and unexpected and is a great blow to her church and her many friends in this community. Mrs. Barrows was a highly educated and a most refined lady, greatly beloved and esteemed by all who knew her. Her health has not been robust for years, but it was not generally supposed that her disease was of such a nature as to cause immediate alarm. She will be greatly missed by the church as well as by the community at large, and her husband will receive the profound sympathy of every one in this great bereavement.

The remains were brought here, and the funeral took place yesterday at noon from the Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Randolph officiating by Rev. F. Rector officiating. The church was filled with the large circle of mourning friends. The bearers were Thomas H. Clarke, Ara Hildreth, Geo. M. Hazard and Geo. Mason.

OPERA HOUSE.

Emeralds.

This evening the celebrated Madison Square Theatre Co., will present that charming domestic drama, Emeralds, which ran an entire year in the Madison Square Theatre in New York. "Emeralds" is not a story of the war, nor of the field where banners wave. But of a love as pure as a dove, as ever knight to lady gave, and is put on the stage in a manner worthy of the play. No one should fail to see it.

Passion's Slave.

John A. Stevens, one of the best actors in the country supported by the well known Windsor Theatre Co., will give the grand spectacular play of "Passion's Slave" next Tuesday evening. Mr. Stevens has been before and is so favorably known that he needs no introduction at this time.

TRINITY CHURCH ORGAN AND ORGANISTS.

History of the Organ given to Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., by Dr. George Berkeley, late Lord Bishop of Ohio.

It is very evident that from 1735 to 1809 good organists were not easily obtained in America, or that the price offered for such services was not enough. Whichever may have been the case, the vestry in 1735 directed Rev. James Haysman to write to Mr. Henry Burdick, an organist in New York, to send an organist, and in compliance with their wishes he found that \$25 was sufficient inducement for Mr. John Owen Jacob to accept an offer which included all the discomferts of a voyage to America, and it does not appear that any organist of any other kind was offered him. Instruction in playing on the organ, which was the only fashionable instrument in Newport at that time, may have added to his income. At a preliminary meeting of the organ fund, the vestry voted to secure the organ for the same conditions. 1823, April 24, the vestry voted that Miss Eliza Davis be organist on the same conditions. 1823, Nov. 11, the vestry appointed a committee to agree with Mr. David Thompson, the organ builder, to attain and repair the organ, to superintend the same and get it done on the lowest terms they could. 1823, Jan. 5, David Thompson was paid \$40 for the above services. 1825, April 3, the vestry voted that Miss Eliza Davis be organist on the same terms. 1826, March 20, the vestry voted that Miss Eliza Davis be organist on the same terms. 1827, April 4, the vestry voted that Robinson Fetter and Thomas W. Brown be a committee to wait on Miss Davis and express to her in behalf of this vestry, their sense of her very agreeable performance on the organ for the last nine years. 1827, April 16, the vestry received a communication from Miss Eliza Davis, and at the same meeting Miss Eliza Davis and Miss Maria Burdick were nominated for organist, a vote was taken and there being a tie, the election was postponed until next Easter. 1827, May 3, the vestry received a communication from Miss Davis, whereupon it was voted to accept her services until the congregation see fit to appoint another. 1827, April 16, the vestry voted to request Miss Mary Easton and Miss Maria Burdick to officiate on the organ alternately, on Sundays and holy days, at such times as Mrs. Robert P. 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Poetry.

The Front Gate.

An old and crippled gate am I,
And twenty years have passed
Since I was swung up high and dry
Betwixt those posts so fast;
But now I've grown so powerful weak—
Deceitful by man and beast—
I'm scarcely strong enough to squeak,
Although I'm never ceased.

"Twenty years ago, I say,
When Mr. Koss White
Came kind of hanging 'round my way
Most every other night.
He hung upon my starboard side
And she upon the other,
Till Susan Smith became his bride,
And in due time a mother.

I ground intensely when I heard—
Despite I am no churl—
My doom breathed in a single word:
The baby was a girl!
And as she grew and grew and grew,
I loud lamented my fate,
For she was very fair to view,
And I—I was the gale!

Then in due time, a lover came,
Betokening my ruin,
A dapper fellow, brown by name,
The grown-up baby would!
They sprang upon me in the gloom,
And talked of moon and stars;
They are married now, and live at home,
Along with me and pa.

My lot was happy for a year,
No courting, night or day,
I had no thought, I had no fear,
Bad luck would come my way.
But all this morning, save the mark!
There came a wild surprise,
A shadow flitted grim and dark
Across my sunny skies.

A doctor with a knowing smile,
A nurse with face serene,
A battle in the house the while,
Great Scott! what can it mean?
My hinges ache, the lock is weak,
My pickets in a whirl;
I hear that awful doctor speak—
It is another girl!

It May Be Your Turn Next.

Judge not too harshly, oh, my friend!
Of him your fellow man,
But draw the veil of charity
About him if you can.
He once was called an honest man,
Before some trial vexed—
He stepped from out the narrow way—
It may be your turn next.

Floating upon the great highway
A suffering soul doth lie;
Go staunch his wounds and quench his thirst,
Nor pass him lightly by.
God will not brook the swift excuse,
The thoughtless vain pretext,
A fellow-mortal bites the dust—
It may be your turn next.

You heard, one day, a single word
Against a person's name;
Oh, bear it not from door to door
To further hurt his fame.
If you're the man you claim to be,
Remember, then, the text,
To "speak no evil," true or false—
It may be your turn next.

Selected Tale.

IN A COAT POCKET.

Astley Cowper, hat in hand, was just turning the handle of the street-door when a soft call from the stair-top made him pause.

"Are you going to the post-office, Astley?"

"No, not exactly, but near it. Is there anything you want done?"

"Only this letter to post," and a girlish shape flitted down the stairs. Astley watched her as she descended, and with suddenly sharpened recognition of the fact, said to himself, "What a pretty girl Rosamond is!"

Brothers are not always so alive to their sister's charms, but the fact was, that rarely in her life had Rosamond Cowper looked so near to a perfect beauty as at that moment, when she came down the old stair-case, letter in hand; her cheeks flushed with the deepest pink; her eyes shining, and her red lips parted with a glow of expectancy.

Two long braids of pale brown hair, thick and glossy as those of a German Gretchen, hung down her back. On the fair forehead clustered a fringe of light, waving rings, not cut and trained, after the manner of the conventional bang, but a happy freak of nature and accident.

The slender figure in its white dress had all the rounded grace of youth and perfect health. Over all was an air of virginal freshness, indescribable, but charming. It was one of those beautiful moments which come at times to most young creatures.

But Rosamond was too much preoccupied to be conscious of her looks, as she handed the letter to her brother, with fingers that trembled a little and said, anxiously, "You won't lose it, will you, Astley?"

"Certainly not," with a superior smile. He stuffed it carelessly into a side-pocket of his coat, a coat made like the rest of his suit, of that immaculate white duck in which young swells delight to array themselves in hot July weather.

Forth he went, clean, alert, hand some—the very picture of a luxurious young fellow enjoying a summer holiday. No thought of betraying Rosamond's trust was in his mind, and his steps were already turned toward the post-office, when a dog-cart drew up suddenly, and a cheery hail roused his attention.

"Well met, old fellow. I was just going around to see if you felt like a game of tennis. The Porters sent me a note early in the morning to ask me to come down to the Croft to luncheon and a game, and to bring you."

"All right. I will," Astley jumped into the cart, and another moment he was bounding down the road toward the

three miles distant. Rosamond's commission was clean forgotten. Tennis was followed by luncheon, then by more tennis and a conversation under the shade of the branching cedars, which flanked the ground. Then pretty Mabel Forter proposed a walk, and led the way through a grassy valley to the gorge beyond, where a little brook tore its wild way from higher levels to the water meadows below.

The rocks over which the party climbed were very slippery here and there, and saving Mabel from a fall, Astley himself had a tumble, trifling in itself, but damaging to the duck suit; so damaging, in fact, that the suit went to the laundress next day.

Before its return the weather had changed to that odd, almost autumnal, coolness which checkers and tempests the heat of our American summers. It was some time before Astley had occasion to wear it again. When it was taken, for use, by accident, he was searching for something in the pocket, when his astonished fingers encountered and drew forth a rather thick, flat, hard square of paper, for which he could in no way account.

Mr. DW—EDGAR,
P. BOX 5—
NEW Y—

"Dwight Edgar?" Why, what does this mean. I have had no letter from him," reflected the astonished Astley, still intent on the disorganized fragments. "But stay—this isn't a letter from him—but to him. How could it get into my pocket?"

Here and there a sentence could be made out, or parts of sentences. "I am so very, very happy, but I can't tell you about that until—" "Ought to have got your letter four days ago?" "So you needn't go to Europe you see, for—" and then a blurred signature. "Come soon to your own home."

It flashed across him then. This was the letter which Rosamond had given him to post four weeks ago. It had lain in his pocket all this time, and had gone through the wash besides! Here was a pretty kettle of fish!

Quickly his mind ran over the disjointed phrases, reading the half-obliterated meaning "between the lines." The letter was in reply to an offer from Edgar, there could be no doubt of that.

Astley had always suspected that there was a tenderness in that quarter. And Rosamond had said "yes." What must she have been thinking and feeling all these weeks?

And then a groan escaped from Astley, as it flashed upon his mind that this was only a fortnight since he had read Dwight Edgar's name in the list of "sailed for Europe," read it aloud, with some careless comment.

Rosamond was in the room, he recollected. What had she said? Had she said anything? He seemed to remember that she got up quietly and left the room.

How should he ever tell her? And what use to tell, when Dwight was gone, gone for years as likely as not? Oh, what had his carelessness done?

"I suppose he went because he thought she had nothing to say to him," he said to himself, miserably.

The sound of the dinner bell interrupted his unpleasant meditations, and he went down, feeling as though he ought to be hanged.

Rosamond was in her usual place, neat, graceful, smiling, even; but studying her face closely he noticed an effort in the smiles and cheerfulness. The sweet face was a little thinner; the wild rose bloom, which was its characteristic, had paled to a fainter pink, and Astley heard his mother ask, "Headache, again, dear?"

And caught the patient answer, "Just a little."

With increased remorse he excoriated his carelessness. What ought he to do?

Long and deeply did he study over the question. At last he took a half-manly, half-cowardly resolution. Confess his delinquency to his sister he absolutely dared not, but the night he wrote to Dwight Edgar, made a full exposition of his fault, and inclosed the faintly-blotted scrap which said so little and meant so much.

This done, he set himself to wait for the moment when he could produce evidence that so far as in him lay, he had made amends for his misdoing, and till then he resolved to be silent.

Astley was right in his guess. Dwight Edgar had gone to Europe a deeply disappointed man. In the letter to which Rosamond was an answer, he had written: "Don't say 'no'; I could not bear that, nor could I give your gentleness the pain of uttering the word. I will wait two weeks, and at their end if you have said nothing, I shall go abroad and travel till I can bear to come home again."

Not a wise arrangement, this, considering what chances and changes, including post-office facilities, are involved in this mortal life; but lovers are not always wise.

The two weeks passed without a word or token, each slow day deepening his hopelessness, and at their end he sailed. His final arrangements were made in a hurry, and he had been glad to accept a friend's benevolent offer of half a state-room on the overcrowded steamer. It was benevolence poorly rewarded, for John Blagden found him very dull company.

For the first few hours he made some little effort at conversation, and then he dropped all pretences and sat in moody silence, staring at the dim backward horizon from which each

farther and farther.

It was no better when they reached London. The two men took a suit of rooms together at the Langham, but to all plans for pleasure, Dwight turned a deaf ear.

"Go by yourself, that's a good fellow," he said. "I won't bore you with my dullness. I'll just sit here till post time and read the American newspapers."

"And that is what I left him at," exclaimed John Blagden, to a mutual acquaintance encountered in the coffee room. "Poring over an old Herald, twelve days out—what an occupation for a man in London!"

"Poor Dwight! I never saw a fellow so changed in my life. He's all cut-up about something, and I wish I knew what, for really, I have no notion what I ought to do about him. Nothing I can say makes any difference."

And nothing did make any difference till, a week after this conversation, Mr. Blagden returned from an excursion to Hampton Court, to find his friend busily engaged in cramming his belongings into a portmanteau, with a light in his eyes and color in his cheeks which made him seem a different man.

"Halloo! I'm glad you've come, old fellow. I'm off at once."

"Off! Where to?"

"Home! Liverpool train at 9 o'clock and catch the Bohemian."

"Home! The Statue! Why, what does it mean? You were going to Paris with me on Tuesday, you said."

"Well—so I did intend, but I've had letters and must go back as soon as possible."

"Nothing wrong, I hope."

"Not at all; quite the contrary—Everything is tight."

Marvelling greatly, John Blagden turned to the table, where, amid torn wrappers and other debris of a just arrived mail, lay a sheet of closely written paper with a little heap on it of something odd and blotched. "What's that?" he asked, with a natural curiosity, stopping to examine it.

Dwight Edgar snatched it up. "It's—it's nothing," he explained—"only a letter I've had." Then breaking into a laugh at his friend's discomfited countenance, the first real laugh which John had heard him give since they left America, he added:

"Never mind, old boy. I'll explain some day. It's all right, at least I hope it is, and I know I've been a dull, unsocial dog all this time. You've been awfully good to put up with me, and I'll try to make amends next time we meet."

Meanwhile the days were passing heavily enough in far-away America, where Rosamond bore her secret pain. She had kept the knowledge of her plighted faith a choice secret, not to be revealed until Dwight should come. When he failed to come, pride kept her silent still.

The news of his departure struck in her heart like a blow. What did it mean? "I will not be base, or little, or suspicious," she told herself; "there's some blunder. He will come back, he will explain."

But weeks of suspense and uncertainty passed. She could school her words and her manner, but not her face, and that fair face began to look piteous and wan.

Astley, watching her with compassionate anxiety, felt an ever-deepening heartache. Three weeks had passed since his letter of explanation was posted. Any hour might bring a response, and he haunted the post-office with a pertinacity inexplicable to his father.

"I can't stand it much longer," he told himself. "If that fellow isn't beard from by to-morrow night, I shall make a clean breast of it to Rosa, and confess the whole thing."

And the next evening, "that fellow" still not being beard from he did it. Rosamond, spirit-fair and fragile in her white dress, was sitting on the doorstep in the moonlight and sitting at her feet he plunged in *medias res*.

"Rosa, do you remember a letter you gave me to post more than a month ago?"

"Yes, with a little gasp."

"Well, I forgot it."

"Oh, Astley!"

"Yes, it was in my pocket, you know. I was going straight to the office, but something interrupted me—lawn tennis at the Porters, I believe—and then I sent my coat to the wash with the letter still in it. I never found it out till the confounded thing came back some days after. As I put it in it happened to feel in the pocket, and there it was—what was left of it."

Rosamond sat perfectly still. Not a sound came from her lips. Astley waited an instant, as if in hopes of an answer, and then went on:

"Rosa, darling, you mustn't mind, but I couldn't help seeing who the letter was for and that—that it was something of consequence. It was all blotched and blurred, but a word or two could be made out here and there. I was awfully cut up about it. I couldn't bear to tell you, and I didn't know what to do. At last I wrote a full explanation to Dwight, and I put the scraps in my letter."

"Astley!"

There was a ring of hope and dismay in the exclamation. So absorbed were both that neither noticed that some one swung the gate just then.

"Yes, I did. It went three weeks ago yesterday, and by to-morrow you ought to hear from him, that is, if he happened to be in London when the

litter came, but I could wait no longer. Just say you forg— Why—what is it," as Rosamond sprang to her feet with a cry. "Dwight! Dwight!"

"She's fainted," exclaimed Astley, in an awe-struck tone, as his sister's head dropped heavily on his arm.

But happiness is a better restorative than burnt feathers, and in a little time Rosamond was able to assure Astley of her forgiveness, to smile and ask questions, and finally, he left on the door-step for a long moonlight walk with her truant correspondent.

When I saw Mrs. Dwight Edgar at Newport, last year, she wore on her wrist a slender chain, to which was attached a locket whose lid was a big moon stone.

Within was a singular little wad of what looked like paper, which had been wet and pressed together. When I asked what it could be she answered evasively:

"Oh, papier mache; a bit of an old letter Dwight makes me wear. There's quite a story about it, but it's too long to tell."

Her husband chuckled, and later, seeing that I was curious, he told me the story that I have told to you.

"And you never saw any one so reformed as Astley is over since then," added Rosamond, with laughter in her voice. "He's the most particular creature you ever saw, always fidgeting and fussing for fear he may have forgotten something. If he lives to be a hundred, you may depend upon it, he will never again forget another letter in a coat pocket."

YOUTH'S COMPANION.

Why she said "Oo."

The other night I overheard a real pretty little piece of love's labor won, and it made my heart beat faster and brought memories of the past.

It happened down on the dark end of the piazza, next to my open window: "Who do you love?" said he, ungrammatically.

"Papa," said she innocently, with a coo.

"Who else?"

"Mamma."

"Who else?"

"Brother."

"Who else?"

"Sister."

"Who else?"

"Uncle."

"Who else?"

"Aunt."

"Who else?"

"Oo"—and then I heard a whale-bone snap and a peculiar glug-glug, glug sound that needed a dictionary for translation. Ah, love's young dream, go on, go on; there will be an awakening some morning about 3 o'clock in the future when a bottle of paregoric and a plaintive wail will recall the hours that have been, but are no more.

Take Off That Hat.

A gentleman at the theater sits behind a lady who wears a very large hat.

"Excuse me, madam, but unless you remove your hat I can see absolutely nothing."

Lady ignores him.

"Excuse me, madam, but unless you remove your hat something unpleasant will happen."

Lady ignores him again.

Gentleman puts on his own hat. Loud cries from the audience:

"Take off that hat! Take off that hat!"

Lady thinks they mean her hat, and removes it.

"Thank you, madam."

Beaten by His Son.

Colonel Bill McCracken enjoys the reputation of pouring out more whisky for one drink than any other man in Austin. Newly-elected members of the Legislature excepted. The colonel was taking a drink at the Gentry Dining-room, when the bartender remarked:

"I say, Colonel, I waited on a man awhile ago who pours out a bigger drink of whisky than you do."

"He was probably a member of the Legislature. He don't count. I can't compete with old professionals."

"No, he isn't a member of the Legislature. He is a very intelligent-looking young man, a stranger to me. He is in the other room playing billiards."

Colonel McCracken looked into the billiard saloon and exclaimed:

"Why, that's my son, Tom. He has just come home from a military school in Kentucky."

The pot-hunter's gun, which the Baltimore Sportsman's Association is raiding and breaking up, is a mammoth fowling-piece. It is ten feet long, weighs 150 pounds, and is pivoted and lashed to the bow of a boat. If it is well aimed, the charge of a pound and three-quarters of shot driven by a pound of powder from its inch bore will bring down 500 to 800 ducks at long range, and one discharge is considered a good day's work.

A sweet thing: "Are you going to take that ugly pug dog with you again, Carrie?" asked Charles. "I really believe you take him simply to make yourself look prettier by the contrast." "Don't be jealous of poor Fug, Charlie," replied Carrie. "I'll take you sometime when I want to look especially handsome."

"Can sleep now and feel rested." A clergyman writes: "Your Compound Oxygen has done much for me. What I value most is, I can sleep now and feel rested in the morning, a privilege which I did not have for two years." Our Treatise on Compound Oxygen, its nature, action, and results, with full cases and full information, sent free. DR. STARKET & PALER, 1129 and 1131

The Poor Old Man.

The other day the police at the Union depot noticed a feeble-looking old man wandering in and out to kill time until his train should depart, and as he several times displayed a roll of bills he was cautioned to look out for pick-pockets and confidence men.

"Would anybody rob an old man like me, would they?" he innocently asked.

The warning was repeated, but he jogged around as before, and after a time was seen in consultation with two strangers who had walked him around the wharf. An officer got him away from them and angrily said:

"Didn't I warn you against foreigners? Those fellows are after your money!"

"But how can they get it when I have it in my pocket, and my hand on it all the time?"

"Well, you look out!"

"Yes, I'll look out; but I don't want to be unwell. When anybody talks to me I like to talk back."

The strangers soon had him on the string again, and in about a quarter of an hour they left him in a hurried manner, and he sauntered into the depot with his wallet in his hand.

"There! You've let 'em beat you!" exclaimed the officer. "How much did you lose?"

"Well, they wanted \$20," he slowly replied.

"And you handed it over, of course?"

"I gave 'em a fifty dollar bill and got back thirty."

"Well, you'll never see the bill again."

"I kinder hope not," he chuckled, as he drew down his eye. "It was a counterfeit which my son found in Troy, and being as I am very old and innocent, and not up to the tricks of the wicked world, I guess I'll get into the cars before somebody robs me of my boots! If anybody should come around looking for me, please say I'm not at home!"

A Rare Instance.

"Father," began a Chase avenue lad the other night, "is Mr. T. a good man?"

"Yes, my son. I regard him as one of the best men in Michigan."

"Do you believe he would lie?"

"What, young man, are you crazy? Why, sir, Mr. T. would not tell a lie for all the gold on earth. What makes you ask that question?"

"Why, when a man says he saw a spring robin on the 16th day of February what do you call it?"

"Did he say he saw one?"

"He did."

"Are you sure?"

"Oh! I heard him tell three different men so. Didn't he lie, father?"

"No-o-o, I think not," mused the father; "but let it be a great moral lesson to you all the same. It isn't once in a thousand years that a robin comes up here from Tennessee at that date and exhibits himself to a single citizen and returns on the afternoon express!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

An Impressario once Approached a Mule and offered him Advantageous Terms to become a Prima Donna.

"Alas," quoth the Mule with a Sigh, "that is an Impossibility, for though I have an Ear for Music, my Voice is sadly Attuned."

"But you can Kick," inquired the Impressario.

"At kicking," admitted the Mule, "I am Positively Peerless."

"Then," exclaimed the Impressario, "you have the Highest Qualification of a Prima Donna. Consider yourself Engaged."

"My mother's awful fiddle," said little Edith to Mrs. Smith, who was making a call. "When she saw you coming up the street she said: 'There's that horrid Mrs. Smith; I hope she isn't coming here,' and a minute after she told you she was glad to see you. Mother says I'm fiddle, but I guess I don't change my mind as quick as that."

A man told his tailor that he wouldn't pay for "that last epilepsy." It was discovered that he meant "bad fit."

THE WONDER

Is becoming universal as to how such an immense sale of this medicine in Lowell for Hood's Sarsaparilla. But my friend, I can't stand behind our counter a week and hear what those say who are using it, the reason would appear as clear as the noon-day sun. The real curative power of Hood's Sarsaparilla demonstrates itself in every case where our directions are faithfully regarded. We would that we might get before the people a fractional part of the confidence that is expressed to us every day in this medicine by those who have carefully noted (without prejudice) its effects upon the blood and through that upon the whole system, stimulating all the functions of the body to perform the duties nature requires of them. Try a bottle and satisfy yourself.

Cold Hands and Feet.

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"During the past six or seven years I have been severely afflicted with kidney disease, causing intense backaches, dizziness, and other severe pains through my body and limbs, rendering me so weak and prostrate that at times it was impossible for me to do any part of my household work. I have had also a fluttering of the heart, and was terribly distressed for breath. I was very miserable, and completely worn out and discouraged; I had no ambition to undertake to do anything, and barely sufficient strength to render existence desirable, having failed to find any relief from the doctor's prescriptions. At this trying crisis a friend persuaded me to obtain a bottle of Hunt's Kidney and Bladder Remedy, which I followed this friendly advice, for the Remedy acted like a charm in my case. After I had taken a few doses, my health began to improve; I felt better every day. The fluttering of the heart, the intense backaches, and terrible shortness of the breath specially disappeared, my strength and ambition soon returned, and before I had taken two bottles of the Remedy I was entirely well, and able to wash and iron and do my household work. Once in a while I am

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Steamer Eolus.

Leaves Commercial Wharf,
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 New York; also, with trains due at Providence
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 Express for New London, New Haven and
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 2:45 P. M.—Connecting with 8:05 train
 from New York, Stamford, New Haven, New
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 also, with train leaving Providence at 12:00 P. M.,
 arriving at Newport at 1:00 P. M.
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The Newport Mercury.

JOHN F. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1883.

The Providence Journal having succeeded in nominating its state ticket, without any serious opposition in the convention, it stands its managers in a good position to elect it.

Spring seems to be gradually approaching; sometime in the course of two or three months we may expect to see it at our doors. It will be a very acceptable approach.

There is probably more politics to the square foot, just now in Rhode Island than there has been before since the war. The contest will not last a great while, that is one comfort.

There is a large amount of snow on the ground throughout New England, and spring freshets are expected in many parts of New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts.

The Brooklyn bridge will be completed in about sixty days and then the great passage way between New York and Brooklyn which cost nearly fifteen millions of dollars will be opened.

The Boston Journal says: When the Hampshire County Journal calls ex-Gov. Sprague "a man of the Summer-Wilson pattern," we are reluctantly compelled to believe the Journal doesn't know what it is talking about, which is a great sin in an editor.

General Butler and Roger A. Pryor making political speeches in Rhode Island will be a new sensation for our little State. It is reported that the Hon. P. A. Collins and Judge Abbot will assist the afore-mentioned gentlemen. They will be likely to make things lively.

Hereafter in the Blue-tree-State it will be lawful to go fishing on Sunday but they must not go gunning. That will be illegal. It has been decided by this present legislature that it is immoral to shoot birds, but to quietly catch the little fish on Sunday is all right.

The State Republican Convention was successfully "fixed," as we hinted last week would be the case, on Governor and Lieut. Governor. It is reported that a certain prominent politician from Providence was employed to visit the various towns in the State beforehand in the interest of one at least on that ticket.

The marriage of ex-Governor Sprague last week to a West Virginia lady, has created almost as much comment this week as his candidacy for Governor. The lady is described as an estimable and attractive person, some twenty-five years of age, the daughter of a shoemaker. Authorities differ as to her wealth. Some placing it at millions and others at a very small amount.

They have a nice little family arrangement in Nevada, Senator Fair is going to resign. Then the Governor proposes to resign. That will promote the Lieut. Governor to the Governorship and then the newly promoted Governor will turn about and appoint the ex-Governor to the Senate vacancy. That will be making a Senator and Governor without the aid of the people.

It is the general understanding that Governor Butler of Massachusetts is as much interested in the Sprague campaign in this State as is Sprague himself. Butler has got a big sized Presidential bee buzzing in his bonnet, and if he can go into the next National Democratic Convention with the prestige of having carried the stalwart Republican States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he thinks he will have made his calling and election sure.

Northern Pacific.

The last contract that will ever be let on the main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad was closed last Saturday. On that day Messrs. Winston Bros. of Minneapolis and H. Clark of New York were awarded the contract for completing the Northern Pacific track from the present eastern terminus of the Western or Pacific Division into Helena, the capital of Montana. The 150-mile contract will include the main summit of the Rocky Mountains. Work has been for some time progressing on the tunnel at Mullan's Pass through the main range west of Helena. It's length is 3350 feet, and its elevation above the sea 5545 feet. This lacks just 17 feet of the height of the tunnel at Bozeman Pass, the point at which the Northern Pacific surmounts the Belt range of the Rocky Mountains. The tunnel of Bozeman will be 3690 feet in length, and its elevation above the sea 5565 feet. Work is also rapidly progressing from both directions on this latter tunnel and it is expected that it will be completed in ample time to meet the requirements of reconstruction this year. The final measurements and location of the two tunnels show that the highest elevation on the Northern Pacific will be 2495 feet lower than the highest point on the Central Pacific where it crosses the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The Kansas Legislature at its recent session passed 107 bills. Governor Glick returned from the session with a record of 107 bills.

How a Senator Protected the Yellowstone National Park.

A Washington correspondent says: When the matter of granting a lease to Rufus Hatch and his associates of a certain amount of ground in the Yellowstone National Park was under consideration in Congress, a great cry was raised that enormous privileges were to be granted to these gentlemen, who wished to erect a number of hotels in the Park, for a very small consideration. The lease which the Secretary of the Interior intended to make, provided that the company should have the right to one section at each point where a hotel was to be built for the annual rental of two dollars per acre. As seven hotels were to be built, this would bring into the government a rental of \$8060. Chiefly through the influence of Senator Vest, the existing law was changed so as to allow the rental of not more than ten acres for hotel purposes, and Mr. Hatch and his associates have profited by this change to the change of \$8940 annually, and the government is a loser to just that amount. These gentlemen now get exactly the same privileges they would have had under the former contemplated lease, and all they are required to pay into the Treasury of the United States is \$20 a year. They will build their hotels, and their guests will roam about the park just the same as though they had control of 640 acres. This legislation was fathered by Senator Vest as being hostile to the hotel company, and in the interest of the government, whereas, it is just the other way, the government being the loser and the hotel company the gainer by it. Inasmuch as Mr. Hatch and the other gentlemen interested were quite willing to pay the government the nine thousand dollars rental, the course of Congress in reducing the amount to twenty dollars seems ludicrous. The hotel company, instead of taking one lot of ten acres, have selected seven lots at different points in the Park, aggregating ten acres, and for which they pay the pitiful sum annually of twenty dollars.

The Sinking of the Navarro.

The survivors of the steamer Navarro, which foundered in a gale last week Thursday, while on her way from Copenhagen to Leith, give the following account of the disaster: On Tuesday when 200 miles from Christiansand, the Navarro was struck by a heavy sea, the cargo shifted and on Wednesday the forehold filled. When a fishing smack approached the Navarro ten men took a boat and boarded the smack, letting their small boats go adrift. The smack sailed around the sinking steamer, but having no hoists was unable to render her assistance. The emigrants in the meantime were clinging to the rigging, the sea washing over them. In a short time another smack arrived on the scene. Fifteen of the Navarro's men endeavored to reach her in another boat, but it swamped and all its occupants were drowned. A steamer arrived at the spot only in time to rescue six persons who were struggling in the water, as the Navarro was foundering. The crew and passengers numbered 81, of whom only 26 were saved—sixteen of the crew and ten passengers.

Dr. Eben Tourgee, who sixteen years ago founded the New England Conservatory of Music, which is now the largest music school in the world, has presented the institution to the Board of Trustees, who have accepted the gift and will take possession as soon as the necessary legal forms are complied with.

When Uniontown, a suburb of Washington, D. C., was laid out, twenty-five years ago, it was said, the owner issued orders that no lot should ever be allowed to become the property of a negro. That man's own former home, in the centre of the town from which the colored race was to be excluded, is now owned and occupied by Frederick Douglass.

A Washington correspondent says: Mr. Lee, the colored contestant for a seat in Congress from South Carolina, whose case was pending when Congress adjourned has made an application for a clerkship in the Interior Department, and is willing to take anything. He says his expenses of contest were \$8000, and that he has received from Congress but \$2000.

Philadelphia boasts several female millionaires. They are Mrs. Thomas A. Scott, \$10,000,000; Mrs. Bloomfield H. Moore, \$5,000,000; Mrs. Anne W. Baird and Mrs. Matthew Baldwin, \$2,000,000; Mrs. Adolph E. Borie, Mrs. George Fales, Miss Fales, and the two Misses Rawle, \$1,000,000.

George A. Smith, night clerk at the American Hotel at Hartford, stopped a run-away horse Monday by jumping into the shaft and seizing the reins, but after stopping the horse, fell forward upon the dashboard, dead, from heart disease.

By the flood of the Whitewater river near Lawrenceburg, Ind., Farmer Hunt lost 40 acres of his most fertile soil, and his neighbor, Fred Newhouse, had a barren and rocky mill site converted into 10 acres of as rich land as the valley affords.

Spring has opened in Montana. The ice has all gone from the Yellowstone river and the prospects for a large emigration along the line of the Northern Pacific are bright.

Wiggins Claims that His Programme Was Carried Out.

"They wanted a storm, and got it at last," said E. Stone Wiggins to a reporter in Ottawa Sunday afternoon. "The storm came exactly on time, and struck the North American continent at the hour named. It took the course I laid down, and which Hazen said no storm would or could take. The danger is not over yet, as the moon was passing the meridian to-day, and the bay of Bengal, where the forces of my storm first originated. I am led to believe that the storm was general over the whole world. Otherwise it might have been more disastrous than it has been. It was only as an astronomer, and not as a weather prophet, that I was able to foresee the storm. I would like to go around and see its effects."

Rear Admiral J. A. Nicholson, lately in command of the European station, was placed on the retired list Saturday by operation of the law. He is succeeded in command of the European station by Rear Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, formerly a member of the Lighthouse Board. Rear Admiral E. R. Calhoun will be retired in April next. These two retirements will make a vacancy in the list of rear admirals, which will be filled by the promotion of Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, now on duty with the Naval Advisory Board.

Governor Sherman, of Iowa, has refused to accede to the request of the prohibitionists in that State to call an extra session of the Legislature in order to re-submit the temperance amendment to the people. An examination has convinced him that constitutional amendments can be proposed only at regular sessions. As such a one does not meet until next January the Iowa people will have a Prohibition canvass and a Presidential canvass to contest in 1884.

The latest social sensation in Washington is the withdrawal of Sister Lorenzo from the convent of the Visitation, where she has been a nun for the past twenty years. She is now reported as living in Reading, Penn., her former home, has entered society, fallen heir to \$20,000 and it is thought will marry soon.

When visitors reach Jacksonville, the Newport of Florida as it is called, they look in vain for the luxuriant flowers promised by the guide books. And the inhabitants say that it is impossible to raise flowers on account of flower thieves who rob private gardens for the purpose of underselling regular traders.

The Republican and Equal Rights Conventions have now been held. The Democratic Convention comes off next Tuesday and after that the politicians can settle down to solid work. It will take considerable of it to elect anybody this year.

Among the items of appropriation stricken out of the Sundry Civil bill in Conference Committee was the item giving Mr. Charles Reed \$3000 for conducting the defence of Guiteau. Mr. Reed therefore fails to get his fee.

It is estimated that the appropriation of \$50,000 made at the last session of Congress for additional life-saving stations will suffice for the establishment of twelve new stations.

The figures of the recent census show that the people of New Hampshire, according to the population, live longer than in any other State of the Union.

A Laughable Mistake.

A laughable incident occurred during the recent visit of the American Society of Civil Engineers to Lowell, where they were the guests of Mr. J. B. Francis, whose residence is in close proximity to that of Governor Butler. Mr. Francis had provided carriages for the conveyance of his guests (about seventy in number) from the railway station to his dwelling and as they moved slowly in the direction of Governor Butler's place, many rumors were set afloat regarding the nature of the delegation they contained. When within a short distance of the Governor's house, a lady, who also resides in the neighborhood, relieved the curiosity of the crowd by venturing on their way to pay their respects to Governor Butler for his kindness and hospitality toward them. This "news" spread like wildfire, and a stampede was instantly made in the direction of the Governor's house to see them alight and enter in. The disappointment of the would-be sightseers when they discovered that instead of the Concord convicts the carriages contained only a lot of civil engineers, paying a visit to the ex-President of their society, can easily be imagined.

A member of Congress—was he from Michigan?—was recently invited to a dinner in Washington. He says: "There wasn't anything on the table when I got there but some forks and spoons and bricky-biscuits. Presently they brought in some soup. As I didn't see 'em' else, I thought I'd eat all the soup I could, though soup is a mighty poor dinner to invite a fellow to. So I was helped four times; and then come on the finest dinner I ever see, and there I sat!"

PRIVATE SOCIAL.—Mr. George Elliott gave on Wednesday evening, a private social to about forty of his friends and acquaintances. The music was by Mr. Joseph Almy, and Mr. Wm. Hughes. The refreshments, consisting of cake, ice cream, etc., were pronounced very fine, and many were the compliments.

An Indispensable Instrument.

The stylographic pen is one of the necessities of our modern civilization, if it had not been "dip, dip, dip." Instead of "dip, dip, dip," which it would have lost its text at the hands of Mr. Livermore, who has given his age this perfection of penholder, and care, and ink, all in one, handsome, and always at hand and ready for use. The inventor has put some new improvements in it, and how what remains but for every scribe and letter writer to find it on his desk. Ink, filler and cleaner, all in one. And to crown all, the price has been reduced to \$2. Send that amount to the sole agent, Mr. Louis E. Duplap, 200 Washington St., Boston, Mass., and the return mail will bring you this most perfect pen.—Contributor, Boston, Mass.

The use of artificial fertilizers is rapidly increasing in our New England States, their use on our old, exhausted soils being an acknowledged necessity. It is the general opinion, however, that the old standard fertilizer, Bradley's Phosphate, is the best and most economical fertilizer in use. It is always uniform in quality and condition, and gives better results on all crops than any other fertilizer that has ever been introduced into New England.

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More light watch gold coins have been detected in the New Orleans mint Colonel Snowden, Superintendent of the Philadelphia mint, will make an investigation. The New Orleans assayer and collector will probably be dismissed.

IN LUMBER CAMP IN WINTER. The men who out and hunt lumber are carefully exposed to severe weather, and, although hardy and rugged, are sometimes laid up by rheumatism. Mr. Randall, of Augusta, Maine, who is extensively engaged in the lumbering business, writes that one of his men was attacked with a terrible sore throat, so that they thought he would die. They administered PERRY DAVIS' PAIN EXPELLER, both internally and externally. In an hour the sufferer was relieved, and the next day he was at work as usual.

General Sherman and a party of friends contemplate a trip across the continent to San Francisco, where they will embark for a cruise of a month or two along the coast of California, Oregon and Mexico.

A tourist leaning out of a hook, Fell on his head, and was very sore. The hurt he received, St. Jacobs Oil relieved, And he says it cured "like a book."

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Representative Oultree of Texas has filed an argument with the First Comptroller of the Treasury protesting against the stoppage of his salary because of a judgment sold by the government against him.

For the cure of the sick, how to our discernment, symptoms and causes, and other information of great value will be found in Unit Dr. Kaufmann's great book, 100 pages, the color-plate plates. Send two cents stamps to pay postage to A. P. Ordway & Co., Boston, Mass., and receive a copy free.

The Providence City Council Tuesday night elected Oliver E. Greene Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and George A. Steere Deputy Chief.

I was troubled with Chronic Catarrh and gathering in my head, was very bad at times and had discharges from my ears, besides being unable to breathe through my nose. The second bottle of KID'S CREAM BALM was exhausted. I was cured, and today enjoy sound health. O. J. Corbin, 235 Chestnut St., Field Manager Philadelphia Pub. House, Pa.

It is reported that ex-Postmaster-General Tyner has decided to settle at Bismarck, D. T., and practise his profession.

Bright's Disease, Diabetes. Beware of the stuff that pretends to cure these diseases or other serious Kidney, Urinary or Liver diseases, as they will relieve for a time and make you ten times worse afterwards, but rely solely on Hop Bitters, the only remedy that will surely and permanently cure you. It destroys and removes the cause of disease so effectually that it never returns.

A young girl of sixteen has just married a man of over seventy years in Olneyville, R. I.

Public benefactors are not alone confined to the higher orders of scientific research. Indeed, the few have been more for the welfare of the working masses than James Fyle through the introduction of his labor-saving Pearlite.

The Illinois Senate has defeated, by a vote of 33 yeas to 16, a bill imposing a tax of one per cent on the gross receipts of express companies.

CANCERS AND OTHER TUMORS are treated with unusual success by World's First Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. Send stamp for pamphlet.

The Cincinnati Enquirer (Dem.) says that the recent prohibitory amendment resolutions passed by the Ohio Legislature were merely the result of a desperate effort to "do something."

A complete antidote to all malarial poisons are Carter's Liver Bitters, yet free from opium and everything injurious. Try them. Sold by J. E. GOSPEL, agent, 210 Thames-st.

The Wisconsin State Journal says that in the year following the enactment of the Compulsory Education Law in that State the school attendance increased fully 10,000.

The Government Chemist Analyzes two of the Leading Baking Powders, and what he finds them made of. I have examined samples of "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder" and "Royal Baking Powder," purchased by myself in this city, and I find they contain: "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder," Cream of Tartar, Bicarbonate of Soda.

"Royal Baking Powder," Cream of Tartar, Bicarbonate of Soda, Carbonate of Ammonia, Tartaric Acid, Starch. Available carbonic acid gas 12.62 per cent, equivalent to 116.2 cubic inches of gas per oz. of Powder.

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Note.—The Tartaric Acid was doubtless introduced as free acid, but subsequently combined with ammonia, and exists in the Powder as a Tartrate of Ammonia. E. G. LOVE, Ph. D. New York, Jan'y 17th, 1881.

The above shows conclusively that "Cleveland's Superior" is a strictly pure Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. It has also been analyzed by Professor Johnson of Yale College; Dr. Smith of the University of Pennsylvania; President Morton of the Stereotype Institute; Wm. M. Baldwin, Ph. D., Analyst for the Chemical Trade of New York, and other eminent chemists, all of whom pronounce it absolutely pure and healthful.

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Three companies at least are now asking of the Massachusetts Legislature a charter to build the Cape Cod ship canal.

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Col. Higginson will write the biography of Margaret Fuller for the American Men of Letters series.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

From all Parts of the World.

Instantly Killed.

WATERVILLE, Me., March 12.—Marshall Rance, Jr., an employe at Rockwood Mills, was instantly killed by the falling of a shaft this morning.

Fatally Injured.

Patrick Mahoney, a young man, was seriously and it is feared fatally injured, in Portsmouth, N. H., Monday, by the bursting of a barrel of beer.

Loss of Life by the Floods.

A dispatch from Helena says the loss of human life by the flood in that region occurred Monday by the settling of a house twelve miles south of Helena, in which were six adults and four children. The latter were drowned; the former were rescued by a party of hunters, who took them off the roof after they had clung to it three days. The St. Francis swamp contains hundreds of horses, oxen and cattle standing up to their throats in the water, their owners being unable to rescue them. Many carcasses are floating about.

A Fatal Sparring Match.

Boston, March 12.—Sunday night Bernard Carr and John Shea had a friendly sparring match with soft gloves in South Boston. During a bout Carr either fell or was knocked down and burst a blood vessel in his head, from the effects of which he died to-night.

A Serious Accident at Lynn.

LYNN, Mass., March 12.—Thomas Cannon, an elderly resident of Clinton, attempted to board the 12:35 train for Boston at the Lynn Common station of the Eastern Railroad this noon, when he fell beneath the moving cars and had his legs nearly severed.

A Black Hills Catastrophe.

DEADWOOD, D. T., March 11.—Hood and Scott's lodging house at the Brownville Wood Camp, the terminus of the Black Hills and Fort Pierre Railroad, was burned at midnight last night, by which eleven men lost their lives. Four others were seriously injured.

A Freight Train Wrecked.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 11.—The in-bound freight on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad was wrecked at Eliot, Me., yesterday. The rear part became disconnected and afterward overtook and collided with the forward part on a down grade. Three cars were derailed and several others badly smashed.

When Sullivan May Meet the Maori.

Boston, March 12. John L. Sullivan, having received an invitation to spar at the benefit to Elliott's mother in New York, has written an agreement to spar if the managers will consent to have Maori Slade on hand on any other evening except the 19th, when Sullivan's own benefit takes place, and will arrange the order of events so that he and Sullivan may appear in the same sparring bout. If the managers will not consent to this arrangement, then Sullivan will refuse to spar on the occasion of the benefit, but will join with any other boxer or boxers in making up a purse of \$100 each, to be given to the mother of Elliott.

A Murderer Sentenced.

Felix Wilson, colored, convicted of the murder of Mose Rendleman, last May, has been sentenced at Charlotte, N. C., to be hanged April 30.

Suicide of an ex-Army Officer.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A stranger rushed into a Bowery shooting gallery, Saturday night, seized a gun from an attendant and shot himself dead. To-day the body was identified as that of Capt. John Hartley, formerly of the regular army. He had been in this city but two weeks, having come from Saco, Me., where he lived. Pecuniary embarrassment is supposed to have induced the taking of his own life.

Extraordinary Inundation.

HELENA, Ark., March 14.—There has been three inches of rain fall during the twenty-four hours ending to-night. Island No. 64 has almost disappeared. Nothing but a mere dot now marks the spot where that large island once appeared. The back water from White river, uniting with the overflow from the Hubbard and Old Town breakers, has submerged a large region of country in the Beaver bayou and Lower Big Creek section, which was never before known to be inundated. Owing to these hitherto high points having always withstood overflows, no stock was driven out, consequently there has been absolute annihilation of every kind of live stock, together with a large number of deer and other game. Two cabins occupied one by white and the other by colored families, suddenly disappeared from the mouth of the bayou during one night last week, and no tidings of the occupants have been heard since. All probably perished.

Over a Million to Charity.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—All opposition to the will of the late Henry Seybert, who bequeathed \$1,125,000 to public charities, was withdrawn to-day, and the will was admitted to probate.

A Scheme of Bismark's.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—It has been ascertained that Dr. Bedlock, of this city, acting as the agent of Prince Bismark, is negotiating for the purchase of several million acres of land in Mexico for the settlement of Ger-

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A FEW STANDARD CORSETS LEFT:

Boston Comfort, sold for	\$1.87	now	\$1.25
Madame Foy,	1.00	now	75
" " Improved,	1.25	now	1.00
Jaffray—GEO bone,	2.75	now	2.00
Relie, Beauty and Nellie,	1.25	now	1.00
Sarslogian,	1.25	now	83
Newport, Rhode Island,	1.25	now	75

I would have the lockers and purchasers to understand that this is not only a February sale, but A CLOSING UP OF THE BUSINESS FOR GOOD.

Miscellaneous.

Greene the Hatter

Have you ever been in at Greene's, Where the farmers all stop with their teams, He has hats for you all, So give him a call, And put in a guess on the beans.

Do you ever get tired of old styles And sigh for some that are new? If you'll stop in at Greene's And guess on the beans He will surely show them to you.

Do your feet ever feel tired at night, All blistered from socks with big seams? I have some that are new, That will surely suit you.

The same time you can guess on the beans. I have lots of new goods for spring, Fancy shirts and suits for a ring, Fine silk umbrellas

That please the young fellows, And you can guess with everything.

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OF GOOD VALUE GROUND TO ORDER

9 lbs Java, \$1.00

10 lbs Rio, 1.00

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Best Hazell, Roller Process, \$8.25 \$8.50

Finest St. Louis, \$6.75 7.00 7.25

Nice Dried Salt Codfish, 6c per lb

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Sugars as low as the lowest.

Preserves, Canned Goods, &c., finest quality.

Tomatoes, 10, 18, and 16c per can.

Panaches, 20, 25, 30c per can.

Extra Quality Sugar Corn, 7 cans for \$1.00

Extra Family Pilot Bread, 9c

" " Milk Crackers, 10c

" " Soda, 7c

" " Wine, 10c

" " Tea Biscuit, 10c

Arlington Wheat, 14c

Mixed Salt Pork, 14c

Hams, Shoulders and Bacon, home cured, (sold style) at low figures.

Oranges, Lemons, Dried Fruits, &c., &c.

A large assortment of LAMPS AND

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Miscellaneous.

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To defray the expenses of these concerts, subscribers on tickets to the concert will be issued at \$3 each; these tickets may be obtained of Mr. Charles T. Hopkins, at the Aquidneck National Bank, who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer. If, after paying the expenses, there shall be funds remaining in his hands, these funds will be given to that public charity of Newport, which a committee, consisting of Mr. Thomas Coggeshall, Mr. L. D. Davis and Mr. F. W. Tilton, shall designate. 2-24-2m.

CITY OF NEWPORT, R. I., Executive Department, March 9, 1883.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

WILL BE PAID FOR THE ARREST AND RETURN TO THE NEWPORT COUNTY JAIL, IN THIS CITY, OF GEORGE H. ROUNDS AND KATIE JUDD, WHO ESCAPED THEREFROM ON THE NIGHT OF THE 27th INSTANT.

A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES CAN BE HAD AT THE POLICE STATION.

ROBERT S. FRANKLIN, Mayor.

SPRING OF 1883.

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NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

BLOCK ISLAND.

The Fair of the Temperance Society at Old Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening the 7th inst., was a success in every particular. The bed quilt was drawn by H. P. Littlefield, Jr., the Silver Basket by Winfield Dodge, the pillow shams by Capt. William Hathorn and the doll who was named after a young lady at the West Side, was awarded to Miss Adella Willis, she having guessed the right name.

The Islanders are driving piles on the beach where they intend to open the beach.

Mr. Champlin has organized a class in penmanship at the Neck School House which is well attended.

TIVERTON.

The town clerkship at Tiverton, owing to the refusal of Mr. George M. Durfee to act, as he is about to remove to this city, is prospectively vacant, and there is considerable excitement in that town as to who will get the position.

The men most prominently mentioned are Andrew Estes and Dr. Stinson. The inhabitants of the town are extremely sorry to lose the services of Dr. Durfee.

For a long time the question of the location of a school house and lot in school district No. 4, has been under discussion. It seems that the district elected a building committee to locate and build a new school house. The committee called upon the school committee to locate the lot and they simply enlarged the lot where the present school-house stands. At this decision certain parties felt aggrieved, desiring to have the location changed and called to the notice of the committee the vote of the district wherein they had voted to sell the present building and lot, showing the intention of the district for a change of location. They also claimed that the action of the school committee in thus enlarging the old lot was illegal, as one person who acted as a member of the board was unqualified, he being a non-resident of the town, having a short time before removed from town. Under the re-organization of the school committee, a new location was selected, taking a half acre of land out of the northeast corner of Mr. Edson V. Evans' five acre lot, next to Mr. Barker's line. Appraisers were duly appointed who valued the land at \$250, whereupon the building committee, excepting one deceased, have contracted for the building of a schoolhouse upon this lot, and the contractor has deposited a portion of the number thereon. Now Mr. Evans' forbids his drawing any number on or off the lot, and appeals from the action of the committee, claiming that as there has been no tender of its value made, the committee can have no claim or title to the land; also, that the school committee exceeded its authority in changing the location, as the present location is much more advantageous to the inhabitants, it being nearer the geographical center. It is also claimed that the number of pupils is larger from the north end than the south end of the district as now located. On the other hand it is claimed that as the south end is more densely populated, having two-thirds of the number of dwellings, and growing, the location should be made further south than the present.

Since the opening of the Boston direct mail, the hours of closing and opening the mails at the Tiverton postoffice will be as follows: For Boston, close at 7.15 A. M. and 9 P. M.; open at 11 A. M. and 6 P. M. For Fall River and Providence and way, close at 10.30 A. M.; open at 4 P. M. For Rhode Island, Little Compton, etc., close at 3.30 P. M.; open at 11 A. M.

PORTSMOUTH.

Probate Court.—The regular monthly meeting of the Court of Probate was held in the Town Hall, on Monday afternoon, 12th inst. The following accounts were examined, allowed, and ordered recorded, viz.: John T. Brown as guardian of the estate of Frederick Brown; Lorenzo D. Tallman as guardian of the person and estate of John Tallman; The second account of Thomas Holman as guardian of the persons and estates of Michael, Eugene, Hannah and Mary Sullivan. The consideration of the account of Danforth C. and Amory G. Hodges, executors of the estate of Almond D. Hodges, was by request of executors continued to the first Monday in April. The account of Samuel A. Carter administrator on the estate of William J. Carter deceased, was referred to the first Monday in April. The petition of Samuel A. Carter as administrator on the estate of William J. Carter deceased, for liberty to sell real estate belonging to said deceased, was referred to the first Monday in April.

In Town Council.—It was ordered by the Council, that the balance of the estate of Frederick Brown, a town pauper, in the hands of John T. Brown, be paid to the Town Treasurer, and he is authorized to receipt for the same. Ordered that William W. Anthony, surveyor of highways, in district No. 4, cancel the highway taxes on his list assessed against Messrs. Gould, George and Edward E. Anthony, in May 1882, amounting to \$9.20, in consideration of their having worked out taxes erroneously assessed against them, for several years on \$3000 personal property, not taxable in this town. The following bills were allowed, and orders on the Town Treasurer granted for the same: Of William M. Stinson surveyor of highways in district No. 14, for shoveling snow \$16.80; of Frederick U. Tallman as Town Sergeant, \$8.50; Of Philip B. Chase, Town Clerk, for collecting, recording, copying and returning births, deaths, and marriages \$23; of same for taking school census, \$20; Of Edward F. Dyer, Town Treasurer and Collector, for Collectors notices, blank receipts, and new books for school account, \$4. Adjourned to the first Monday in April.

DEATH AND FUNERAL.—The funeral of Mr. Ellery T. Coggeshall, son of the late Jonathan and Bathsheba Coggeshall, took place at the Christian church on

Wednesday afternoon, and was conducted by the Rev. Myron Tyler. Mr. Coggeshall had not been ill for several years to perform but very little manual labor, but up to Friday morning, the 9th inst., had been as well as usual. When his son went to call him that morning he found him in an unconscious condition. Dr. Benj. Greene was summoned and pronounced it a fit, from which he never really rallied to consciousness.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

RHODE ISLAND.

Schuyler Colfax lectured at Providence on Thursday, and afterward was banqueted at the Narragansett Hotel by the Brown, Harvard and Boston University chapters of the Beta Theta Phi Society. He left at midnight for New York.

Sunday morning Mrs. Robert Mitchell fell and broke her ankle. Dr. George Sweet, of Wakefield, R. I., was summoned by telegraph, and rendered the necessary surgical assistance.

Nearly all the students of the Island High School are sick with the mumps.

An assistant for the Signal Station arrived Monday from Washington.

Meetings are being held at the Old Fellows' Hall for religious worship, which are largely attended and much interest is manifested.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Williams Manufacturing Company of New Bedford has been incorporated with a capital of \$200,000 for the manufacture and sale of iron, steel and other metals. Edmund Grinnell, President; Samuel Ivers, Treasurer.

Miss Carrie Newton, who was severely burned recently by her dress catching fire from an open stove, died Sunday morning from the effects.

The Old Colony railroad has appointed 148 special police officers, which includes conductors, train men and several depot masters.

Bridget A. Murray has recovered \$5600 from the city of Boston for injuries sustained while going on shore from the ferry boat D. D. Kelley in September, 1881.

CONNECTICUT.

James Tholin, of New Haven, who had been supposed to have been insane from the effects of a bullet fired, as alleged, into his skull by one Cowles, which was extracted by Dr. Moses C. White, who thereupon pronounced him sane, was Monday pronounced insane by Dr. Bacon, and the prisoner was ordered to be removed to the Almshouse from the jail, where he had been sent for a breach of the peace. The town authorities went to the jail asking his release, and the jail authorities refused to surrender him, alleging that the New Haven authorities did not have the papers to remove him. Tholin is now working calmly in the jail in the cane shop.

A complicated question concerning the occupancy of valuable oyster lands in New Haven harbor has occupied the consideration of the Shell Fish Commissioners for a year past. C. L. Ludington applied to the Commission for the ground operated by H. C. Rowe, Ludington claiming title. The application was continued eight times at the request of Ludington and his counsel, and the Commissioners Monday morning set down the application for final hearing. Counsel asked another continuance, but the Commissioners ruled that the case must go on, and the applicant's counsel finally withdrew, which leaves Rowe in possession of the valuable disputed oyster grounds.

George A. Smith, night clerk at the American Hotel, Hartford, stopped a runaway horse Monday by jumping into the sleigh and seizing the reins, but after stopping the horse fell forward upon the dash-board dead from heart disease.

Nothing has been heard of Wm. Benton of this city since he left the Wellington Hotel, New York, on the evening of February 28 to take a walk, as he said. Mr. Benton was a farmer, and had a wife and step-daughter in Hartford. He was for many years one of the Assessors, and has lately been somewhat depressed in mind owing to a falling off of income and some real estate trouble.

S. Emerson Chandler, of North Woodstock, Conn., single, aged 34 years, hung himself in his father's barn, Monday afternoon. Cause unknown.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Sixty-four thousand five hundred pounds of fresh fish were landed at Portsmouth last week—a gain over the previous week, notwithstanding the severe weather and anticipated gales. Prices ranged from 2 7/8 to 4 cents.

VERMONT.

The Secretary of State and State Auditor will hereafter be elected by the people.

Farmers in Northern Vermont are hiring German immigrants direct from Castle Garden.

Mrs. J. Gregory Smith of St. Albans has written a new novel, entitled Sulma, which is having a large sale.

Archie, a 7-year-old son of Charles S. Guin, while at play in the lumber yard of the Lane Manufacturing Company, was killed by lumber falling on him, crushing his skull.

Levi Huntley, about 60 years of age, car inspector at Bellows Falls for many years, was instantly killed at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning by being run over by a passenger car and engine, which backed on to him while he was examining the wheels to the cars of a moving freight train which was going out.

Mr. Frank S. West, of New Hampshire, at one time a well-known journalist, died in Washington Wednesday morning at the age of 69 years. He removed from his native State to Virginia in 1846, was agent of the New York Associated Press at Richmond, and was connected at different times with the Fredericksburg "Record" and the Richmond "Whig," "Dispatch" and "Enquirer." For several years past he had been employed in the government printing office.

Local Matters.

Republican Convention.

The Republican State Convention was held in Providence Thursday, and was expected to nominate the Hon. A. O. Bourne, of Bristol, for Governor. The convention was called to order by Maj. Pice, chairman of the State Central Committee. Mr. John P. Goodwin, of Newport, nominated Maj. A. K. Goodwin, of Pawtucket, for temporary chairman, and he was unanimously elected. Maj. Goodwin made a pleasing address, after which Mr. Sanborn nominated John J. Peckham, of Newport, and Eugene F. Warner, of Coventry, for temporary secretaries and they were elected. The roll of delegates was then called and the following from Newport county responded to their names: Newport—John J. Sanborn, Lucius D. Davis, Albert O. Landers, Henry E. Turner, Jr., John J. Peckham, William P. Sheffield, Jr., Jameson—Frank N. Cottrell, Benjamin E. Hull, Middletown—Melville Bull, James Anthony. New Shoreham—C. O. Ball, Alvin H. Simpson. Portsmouth—Edward T. DeBols, Wm. L. Sisson. Tiverton—Andrew H. Manchester, Isaac Brown. Little Compton—Oliver C. Brownell, Oliver P. Peckham. Cranston—John J. Peckham, Jr., Lemuel H. Foster, of Providence, nominated the Hon. A. O. Bourne, of Bristol, for Governor, and he was unanimously nominated by acclamation. Mr. Jenckes, of Woonsocket, nominated the Hon. Oscar J. Rathbun, of Woonsocket, for Lieutenant Governor. Mr. L. D. Davis nominated Hon. T. M. Seabury, of Newport, and Mr. Smith, of Barrington, nominated Hon. B. W. Razeo, of Cumberland. An informal ballot was taken which responded as follows: Rathbun 74, Seabury 17, Razeo 13, C. W. Lippitt 2, L. B. Smith 1. Mr. Davis then moved the nomination of Mr. Rathbun by acclamation which was carried. The rest of the old State ticket was renominated. A State Central Committee was chosen of which the Newport county members are A. C. Landers, of Newport, R. T. DeBols, Portsmouth, and Jonathan Hat, of Tiverton.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly began the seventh week of the session on Tuesday, and according to all appearances will have all that they can do for a few weeks to come. In the Senate a petition signed by George A. Brown and others in favor of the constitutional prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor was presented. A bill for an act to appoint a commission to sell the old State prison in Providence was passed. The Senate passed a resolution of adjournment on March 23d. This will probably be quietly tabled in the house and will not be again heard from till about the 10th of April. In the house the committee on engrossed acts reported the bill amending the city charter of Newport as truly and rightly expressed. Mr. Sheffield presented the petition of Charles W. Moore for leave to adopt a child, read and passed. The Compulsory Education bill was then taken up and its discussion lasted during most of the remainder of that day's session. Dr. Garvin of Cumberland offered an amendment to the constitution, which puts the foreign born citizens on the same footing as the native as regards the suffrage, and establishes an educational qualification for all voters. It also does away with the registry tax and establishes a poll tax. This amendment was referred to the select committee on constitutional changes.

Wednesday the usual appropriation for the agricultural societies passed the house. Thursday not much business was done in either house. The house passed the bill to sell Kettle Bottom Rock to Mr. Wharton of Philadelphia. Yesterday ended the seventh week of the session and still the heat is not yet.

The Sprague Convention.

The Independent Convention called for the purpose of nominating ex-Governor William Sprague for the Governor of Rhode Island, met in Providence Wednesday. There was a large attendance. The only towns in Newport county represented were Newport and Tiverton, but outside of this county the towns in the State were generally represented. The delegates from this county were: Newport—John Gilpin, Daniel Galvin, John Blinn, Geo. P. Leonard, D. E. Sullivan, Eugene C. O'Neill. Tiverton—Albert C. Greene.

The convention was called to order by Ex-Assistant Attorney General Ira O. Seabury and A. J. Chisholm of Providence, elected Chairman, Daniel E. Sullivan of Newport, was chosen Secretary. Governor Sprague was nominated with great applause. He was waited upon by a committee of which Geo. P. Leonard, of Newport was a member, and he accepted the nomination. A committee of conference was appointed to confer with other organizations to arrange for the rest of the ticket. On this committee Mr. John Gilpin was the Newport county member. A State central committee was appointed of which Geo. P. Leonard and E. O. O'Neill were the Newport members. Several speeches were made and the convention was very enthusiastic.

THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB.

Regatta at Newport in August, 1883.

It is proposed that the fleet shall rendezvous at New London off the Pequot House, August 5, 1883. From New London the fleet will sail for Newport, where a grand regatta will be held for cups valued at \$1000 for schooners and \$500 for sloops, presented by Mr. Oyster Goelet, owner of the schooner yacht Natchez, now lying fitted out at New York for a trip across the Atlantic. From Newport the fleet will visit New Bedford and then Vineyard Haven. The latter has but few attractions for yachtsmen, nor does the City by the Sea across the island deserve special mention in this particular. From Vineyard Haven, therefore, there will be an early start for Marblehead, and it old Cape Cod is in good humor Marblehead will be reached the same day, where the Eastern yachtsmen will receive the New York gentlemen in right royal manner. There will be a grand regatta there for the combined New York and Eastern squadrons, the cup being presented by Commodore Smith, of the New York club. This done and ample time being taken for a satisfactory interchange of civilities between the members of the two clubs the combined squadrons will leave Marblehead for Mount Desert. The run from Marblehead will be about 133 miles, and along a portion of the eastern coast not familiar to all cruising yachtsmen. This is the programme likely to be adopted at the next general meeting, to be held on March 25.

MIDDLETOWN.

NARROW ESCAPE.—An Ransom S. Peckham and Nathan Smith were going to the beach, Smith attempted to take his gun over the boat. The hammer came in contact with the coat and the gun was discharged the charge going between Peckham and Smith, who were sitting on the same seat. Fortunately they were only frightened, the stock of the gun was broken in several places.

Old People.

In the Narragansett Times of Jan. 15, 1883, was the following account of an aged couple living in the town of Lincoln in this State:

"Daniel Pearce, aged ninety, and his wife Hetty, aged eighty-eight years, were married 67 years ago, in South Kingstown. Mr. Daniel Pearce, of Wakefield, is their son, and is sixty-four years old. He can probably boast of having the oldest father and mother living."

We wish to correct this account by saying that Mr. Samuel Benson of Portsmouth, R. I., who is sixty-seven years old, is now living with his father and mother, who are aged respectively ninety-three and ninety-two years. William Benson and his wife Margaret are the parents of seven children, and have sixteen grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren, the oldest being nineteen years old. When but an infant he was carried to the house where he now lives, and has always lived there. In nearly seventy years of married life he and his wife have never been separated seven days in succession.

Weekly Almanac.

MARCH, 1883.	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	Moon sets
17 SATURDAY.	6 4	6 19	2 29	4 38
18 SUNDAY.	6 6	6 21	3 38	5 48
19 MONDAY.	6 4	6 22	3 44	6 58
20 TUESDAY.	6 5	6 23	4 5	8 7
21 WEDNESDAY.	6 11	6 24	4 44	9 11
22 THURSDAY.	5 59	6 25	5 11	6 52
23 FRIDAY.	5 50	6 26	5 18	7 32
Next Quarter, 24 day, 10.20, morning.				
New Moon, 28th day, 6.25, afternoon.				
First Quarter, 10th day, 9.40, morning.				
Full Moon, 23d day, 6.40, afternoon.				

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